



Father Charles J. Watters Assembly 2688 Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2008 Held at St. Brigid

Total attendance: 22

Presiding officer: Faithful Navigator, Rick Langheim

The meeting was preceded by a social hour and commenced at 7:30 PM with FN Rick Langheim asking Patriotic Chairman Urban Rump to show his short video on the greeting of troops at Atlanta Airport, although it was an unusual beginning. The short video outlined the wonderful work that the USO does for armed services personnel. Urban has between 5 and 12 people who coordinate efforts at the USO by hosting and greeting troops. Rick thanked him profusely for their worthwhile and impressive efforts.

The meeting re-commenced with the usual ceremonials and a call to order. The minutes were read and accepted with one correction.

Roll Call:

Faithful Captain	Guy Stryker	Present	Faithful Friar	Msgr. Hugh Marren	Excused
Faithful Admiral	Dennis Klein	Present	Inner Sentinel	Benny Mastrogiovanni	Excused
Faithful Pilot	Bill O'Shaughnessy	Excused	Outer Sentinel	Jim Rainsford	Excused
Faithful Comptroller	Bob Heald	Present	Trustee 3-year	Ernie Spencer	Present
Faithful Scribe	Lou Hlad	Present	Trustee 2-year	Rick Sisko	Present
Faithful Purser	Rich Nielson	Excused	Trustee 1-year	Andy Diaz	Excused

Faithful Navigator Report

Commented on the status of two chalices. The Assembly has one that is committed to Father Simon of Ghana is in possession of Joe Noa. Al Garofalo volunteered to purchase a second chalice for Father Juan Anzora of Columbia. The first will be present to Father Simon at St. Andrew when he arrives this summer. Ernie Spencer mentioned that chalices must be consecrated and coordination with the local council at that celebrant's parish must be done in proper protocol. It is believed that Fr. Anzora will be consecrated in May at the Cathedral.

FN has elected to help our Honor Guard Commander Joe Noa by appointing three Deputy Commanders to help facilitate events at their parishes – Ernie Spencer at All Saints, Dennis Klein at St. Andrew, and Rick Langheim at St. Brigid. Commander Noa has St. Benedict well covered. This should take a burden off Noa who will be over the three new staff deputies.

FN relayed the news that our founder Fr. McGivney is now declared a "venerable servant of God" which is the very important first of three steps on the path toward sainthood. The cause has been under heavy review since year 2000. One purported miracle is already being investigated. Two are required.

FN announced that three new Assembly lifetime members are honored---Jean-Paul Roy and Tony Joyce from All Saints and Charlie Robinson from St. Andrew. Roy was present and pictures were taken after the meeting.



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Patriotic Report

Urban Rump announced that Bob Heald has a request from an army friend for golf balls in the Middle East. Heald said he had 1,000 he could send. Urban requested donations from the members. He and Bob will take care of mailing them in post office flat rate boxes. Bob Heald mentioned that it would be possible to form a personal relationship with this large army unit that is organized and managed much like a typical city.

Dennis Klein mention that our past state deputy, John Brenner, hands out small angel pins to armed services personnel and we should get some and do likewise.

FN noted that April 12th was an upcoming fourth degree. We have five prospective new members. Lou Hlad and Urban Rump are slated to attend as observers.

FN announced that the June meeting will feature officer elections. A slate of prospective recommended candidates was announced. He read the slate.

Bills and Communications and also Purser Report

Faithful Comptroller Bob Heald reported receiving two bills--\$106 for the meal and raffle ticket printing for \$177. Receipts were \$675 for exemplification (to be sent to the Master), \$700 input from raffle ticket sales, \$135 from dues, and \$500 from returned Founder's Day Ball payment. Starting balance was about \$3,334, ending balance is about \$4,700.

Faithful Comptroller Report

SK Bob Heald then noted that we started with 172 members, 8 were removed for none-payment, SK Gordy Hurt passed away, bringing us to 163. Five new members will join from the exemplification bringing us back to 168 members.

Committee Reports

Patriotic Committee

Urban Rump reported that he has collect \$52 plus what is in tonight's collection pot to send to the Wounded Warrior Project. He has sold 26 raffle tickets at \$20 and finds it fairly easy. We will know by next meeting how the raffle is going.

Commander Report

Commander Joe Noa reported on a Holy Thursday Honor Guard at St. Andrew. May will be a very busy month with First Communions and Confirmations coming up. Some days will have four events. St. Brigid has three First Communion events on the May 10th (3,000 people expected total.)

Communications

No report.



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Religious Committee

Matthew Kelly will be at St. Brigid for a series of lectures on April 21/22 at \$10/night. Books were still available at no charge. The crowd is expected to be an overflow at 1300.

Entertainment Committee

FN stated that he had made the decision to cancel the Founder's Day Ball. He noted that he had attempted to do too much himself and that a proper committee had never been formed to carry the planning forward. He fully expected that with proper planning, the event could be very successful in following years, if delegation to several people is performed.

Welfare Committee

No report.

Applications

Five new applications were read -- Fr. Bryan Small, James Erdy, Greg Coletta, and Thomas King of All Saints, and David Oshinsky from St. Benedict. All were approved.

Trustee Report

None.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Scribe Lou Hlad mentioned that he had noticed on the Master's Assembly listing of Council assignments that two additional councils have been officially assigned to our Assembly --- St. Peter Chanel and the Fr. Ken Bayer Council at St. Patrick in Norcross. He asked why this has not been publicized and the two councils contacted and invited. FN said this was a good suggestion and the situation will be investigated. It was the general consensus that a discussion with the Master was appropriate before proceeding. The geographical alignment doesn't seem to make good sense.

Split-the-Pot and Attendance Award

Urban Rump won \$16 in the split pot drawing. Jon Bird was selected for the Attendance Award. He was not present.



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3rd Degree Reports

All Saints – DGK Lou Hlad reported:

- They will hold a Fish Fry Workers Appreciation Party.
- First Communion on April 26th (Honor Guard requested).
- 1st degree on the 29th, 2nd Degree on May 3rd at All Saints.
- Vidalia Onion Sale (6 other councils will participate with us.)

St. Andrew – Reported:

- A very successful fish fry and also a very successful St. Patrick's Day Party.
- They held a 1st Degree for two candidates (19 for the year so far).
- They will participate in the upcoming Vidalia Onion Drive.

St. Brendan – no report.

St. Brigid – GK George Yourick reported:

- Three of their young people won a first, second, and third place award at the State Free Throw Contest.
- They held a prayer breakfast and a Tootsie Roll Drive earning \$1400.
- They participated in a Serra Organization Appreciation Event for Clergy and held a St. Patrick's Day Party for 180 people.

St. Monica –no report.

St. Benedict –Joe Noa reported they also had a St. Patrick's Day Party and a birthday party for Pastor Father Flood.

Good of the Order – none.

The meeting ended in just under an hour with the usual ceremonials.